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1. In October 1953 a part of the personnel of the Soviet army and naval garrisons in Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) was changed. The replacements for both garrisons were under 20 years of age and apparently had little training. . The naval replacements arrived at night via ship and those whom they replaced departed in the same manner. The army replacements arrived in Odra garbed in civilian clothes, via 3rd class railroad cars attached to a freight train, and were escorted by some MVD soldiers. The soldiers being replaced left in the same manner and under the same circumstances. According to informant, the replacements and those being replaced probably came from and were sent to a nearby area because none of the soldiers carried food with them.
2. One Soviet antiaircraft battery equipped with six 86 mm caliber guns on stationary mounts is located near Ognica.¹

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1. Comment: Ognica is a small village located south of Odra Fort.